



**ACADEMIC SENATE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2011**

ASD 11-186

Approved 1-26-12

11:30 AM -1:00 PM

ACADEMIC SENATE CHAMBERS

Present: Armstrong, Bedell, Buck, Canchola, Carroll, Chavis, Congalton, Dabirian, Evanow, Fitch, Gordon, Gratton-Lavoie, Guerin, Hagan, Hickok, Jones, Manriquez, Martinez, Matz, McConnell, Mead, Meyer, Murray, Myck-Wayne, Nyaggah, Pasternack, Randall, Rast, Rhoten, Ruiz-Velasco, Stambough, Stang, Stein, Taylor, Walicki Walk, Walker, Williams, Yang

Absent: Bonney, Fidalgo, Gradilla, Huizinga, Knutson Miller, Michalopoulos, Rhodes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM.

II. URGENT BUSINESS

None

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 3.1 A moment of silence was observed for Donn Finn, Theater & Dance Emeritus faculty, who passed away on 11-22-11.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BELOW WERE MADE TOWARD THE END OF THE MEETING

- 3.2 ASI Resolution re Response to the Statewide Student Demonstrations

Senator Guerin thanked Senator Aissa Canchola for representing our students at the Legislative Hearings in Sacramento Wednesday, 12-14-11.

Senator Canchola spoke on behalf CSU students (and Univ of CA students) regarding activities at the joint committee meeting. Students need safe spaces for activism, protests, and demonstrations to express frustrations and spoke against excessive force used against student. ASI forwarded a resolution to Academic Senators dated 11-30-11 asking for faculty support in this regard.

Senator Taylor encouraged the Executive Committee to work with ASI in modifying this excellent resolution to a joint resolution. We owe it to our students to support them in free speech and civil liberties.

- 3.3 Financial Update

VP / Senator Hagan gave a brief update on the continuing deterioration of the higher education budget status in California. A further \$100M cut to the CSU budget was announced yesterday for a total of \$750M reduction over the next 18 months. The new cuts are to the *baseline* budget which is a huge problem. Our \$7.5M portion has already been planned for and taken for this fiscal year. The \$138M tuition fee increase passed by the Board of Trustees a few months ago will mitigate some of these new cuts. The State of California is projecting a \$13B deficit over the next 18 months. The Governor has asked California citizens to pass initiatives for future tax increases. Failing passage will initiate built-in triggers to automatically generate cuts that will make campus planning very difficult. If initiatives pass, the Governor and Department of Finance have discussed a multi-year plan to return some monies to higher education, which will have conditions attached (i.e., looking at PERS funding, administrative efficiencies, capital projects, etc.). We can count on a difficult fiscal situation over next several years. We will keep the Academic Senate informed.

VP / Senator Murray spoke to the campus' ability to proceed with the 60 faculty searches in light of budget constraints. CSUF hired 40 new faculty last year, 2010-11. Individual departments need to look at their strategic plan for hiring. Our goal is to achieve a target level of 75% of assigned FTEF being occupied by tenured/tenure-track faculty. Recalibrating and modifying our hiring plan and support system for faculty will be needed in the future as we balance resources while seeking to hire sufficient new tenure-track faculty to balance losses, which amount to 32-36 faculty members annually.

- 3.4 (Buck/Mead) As follow-up to adding two staff members to the Academic Senate (ASD 11-179), Senator Buck suggested finding a larger meeting room. NOTE: There will be 48 Academic Senators (a possible 49).

- 3.5 (Walicki) reported sold out holiday programs in College of the Arts over weekend of December 10-11, 2011, and Santa Claus showed up!

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 4.1 M/S/P (Nyaggah/Rhoten) ASD 11-178 Academic Senate Minutes – 11-10-11 (Draft)
Minutes passed unanimously as submitted.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 5.1 M/S/P (Pasternack/Matz) ASD 11-182 Undergraduate New Course Proposals [Source: Curriculum Com]
Consent Calendar passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Report by Jack Bedell was sent to Academic Senators electronically prior to this meeting.

Additional announcements:

- 1) Reminder to *Save the Date* 1-17-12 for the AA/AS Retreat when the topic will be "Engaging Faculty in Online Teaching and Learning".
- 2) Senate Forum was distributed electronically this week to the campus community. This Fall 2011 special issue is dedicated to the Presidency of Milton A. Gordon.

Since our last meeting, there have been 2 open hearings regarding smoking on campus. There is strong support for a complete ban. Short of that, there is support for making smoking further away from buildings and in restricted areas.

Over 170 applications were received for the new research awards and around 70 were funded. It is hoped that this program becomes a permanent part of faculty support. Sabbaticals for next year should be announced late in January. We have been consulted about future application deadlines and support a spring round for awarding late this coming spring for next fall so Departments can plan better. We are most appreciative of this infusion of support for faculty scholarly and creative activity.

The Academic Senate will be honoring and thanking Norma Morris and Margaret Faulwell Gordon this Thursday for their years of service to CSUF. At our Academic Senate meeting on December 15th, we will consider adding sustainability to the charge of the Campus Facilities and Beautification Committee and also consider adding 2 staff members to the Academic Senate as full members.

Campus space continues to demand attention. Your Campus Facilities and Beautification Committee has weighed in on some ideas for library space renovation, and there will be follow up to last August's Retreat on this subject. In addition, we continue our interest in campus classroom renovation and will have faculty involvement in those conversations.

We continue our interest in matters of sustainability and will continue to focus on this very important issue this spring. We welcome any suggestions to move this subject forward.

We have set our Executive Committee Academic Senate Priorities for Spring 2012, and they include looking into: difficulties doing international travel; a policy for reviewing deans and department chairs; review of administrative units; a spring 2012 Retreat with our new President; ways to cope with the continuing assault on campus resources; and follow up of January 2012 Retreat regarding online learning.

You should have received electronically a special edition of the Senate Forum dedicated to Dr. Gordon and his Presidency.

Because of the continuing revenue shortfall, the "trigger" was pulled and we can expect further budget cuts this academic year for the CSU. The exact impact on CSUF will be known shortly. I will share whatever information I receive and we will be involved in the discussions about the specific cuts.

VII. STATEWIDE ACADEMIC SENATE REPORT

(Pasternack) The significant budget cuts to the ASCSU is an issue being addressed.

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Honoree: Dr. Margaret Faulwell Gordon
Resolution of Thanks

Chair Bedell read a resolution (ASD 11-186) honoring and thanking Dr. Margaret Gordon for over 21 years of support to the CSUF campus community, together with the President.

Honoree: Dr. Milton A. Gordon
Resolution of Commendation and Thanks

Chair Bedell read a resolution (ASD 11-187) commending and thanking President Gordon for his over 21 years of leadership at CSUF.

Honoree: Norma Morris
Resolution Honoring Retiring Staff Member, President’s Office

Chair Bedell read a resolution (ASD 11-184) commending and thanking Ms. Norma Morris for 45 years of exemplary service to CSUF.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 9.1 ASD 11-175 Proposed Revision to UPS 100.001 Academic Senate Bylaws: BL 06-2 Functions of Campus Facilities and Beautification Committee [Source: CF &B Com]
 M/S/P (Armstrong/Williams) Motion moved to receive and approve the Bylaw revision recommended by CF&B Committee. ASD 11-175 passed unanimously.

- 9.2 ASD 11-179 Staff Serving on Academic Senate [Source: Exec Com]
 M/S (Stambough/Rhoten) Moved summary motion for discussion and consideration. Staff members are full partners in University issues and the only group not represented on the Academic Senate. Staff Councils were disbanded and the two staff positions on the Academic Senate were eliminated when collective bargaining began in the late 1980s.

 (Buck) Recommended that further studies be done on how to maintain and strengthen faculty voice on the Academic Senate (i.e., at-large seats be limited to faculty, or limiting administrators running for at-large seats to a percentage of their constituency numbers; or groups be “non-voting”).
 M/S/P (Walker/Rhoten) moved to end debate. Motion passed
 M/S/P (Stambough/Rhoten) ASD 11-179 Staff Serving on Academic Senate – Passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P (Walk/Canchola) Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Academic Senate Meetings: Spring 2012 * = if needed

January 26		
February 2 *	February 9	February 23
March 1*	March 8	March 22
April 12	April 26	
May 10	May 24 Marathon + Electoral	